ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention comprises apparatus and methods for processing code, that is, for intercepting, examining and/or controlling code streams in a network. "Man in the middle" technology by use of decryptor/encryptor components are placed between client and server which permit alteration of the code as it passes through a communications channel. The code may then be examined by way of a proscribed code scanner. A protocol parser may also be implemented in order to intercept the code as it passes through the stack and transfer the code to the decryptor/encryptor components.